		(iv) AWIC Community & Social Services 3030 Don Mills Road, Peanut Plaza, North York, ON M2J 3C1
8.	High Commission of India, London, UK	None empanelled so far
9.	Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi	None empanelled so far
10.	Indian Embassy, Bahrain	Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS) (being considered for empanelment)
11.	Indian Embassy, Kuwait	None empanelled so far
12.	High Commission of India, New Zealand	Shakti Community Council INC, Auckland

Scheme for Indians abroad

1484. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had readied a scheme to respond to distress calls from Indians working abroad;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) in what manner people would get benefited from such schemes especially who have gone abroad from the Telangana Regions?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has set up an Overseas Workers Resource Centre (OWRC) for rendering assistance to Indian workers abroad and those who are desirous of going abroad for employment. The objectives of the Centre are:

- Information dissemination on matters relating to emigration.
- Registering, responding to and monitoring complaints received from emigrant workers.
- Grievance redressal and follow up with stakeholders.

(c) The OWRC functions with a toll free number 1800 11 3090 accessible from anywhere in India for rendering help to the emigrant workers. At present, the Helpline is functioning in seven languages, *viz* Hindi, English, Tamil, Malayalam, Punjabi, Kannada and Telugu from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, seven days a week. The Helpline can be accessed by all needy persons.

Second ARC recommendation for more rights to Panchayats

†1485. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the second

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.